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PROCUREMENT OF AJT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised procurement of Advance Jet Trainer;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its cost;

(c) whether the Britain has fixed higher cost of its AJT than its original price;

(d) if so, whether the Government are considering other option for acquiring AJTs at lower cost;

(e) if so, the names of the countries from which the proposal have received in this regard; and

(f) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e): Negotiations with the vendor are in progress. Various options for acquisition of AJT are under examination by the Government.

(f) It would not be possible to lay down a time limit for such a major procurement project. However, the Government is keen on early finalisation of the acquisition process.